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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

JOHN A. GRAVES,

Petitioner,

V.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Respondent.

No. 05-74774

Tax Ct. No. 1224-04

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from a Decision of the United States Tax Court

Submitted January 23, 2006 **

Before: T.G. NELSON, SILVERMAN and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

A review of the record indicates that the questions raised in this appeal are so insubstantial as not to require further argument. *See United States v. Hooton*, 693 F.2d 857, 858 (9th Cir. 1982) (per curiam) (stating standard).

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^{**} This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

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Accordingly, we summarily affirm the Tax Court's judgment, and we grant respondent's motion for sanctions of \$6,000 for pursuing a frivolous appeal. *See* 26 U.S.C. § 7482(c)(4); 28 U.S.C. § 1912; Fed. R. App. P. 38.

AFFIRMED.